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For: CURVED SURFACE SHAPE	)	
INSPECTION METHOD, FIBER	)	
OPTICAL BLOCK, AND CURVED	)	
SURFACE SHAPE INSPECTION DEVICE)	)	

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.